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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yuuji Tobisaka, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1791

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Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan

For: PROCESSING METHOD AND PROCESSING APPARATUS OF GLASS BASE
MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. No new matter is added.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.